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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

REF: A) STATE 011502

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1. ALAIN VIDAL-HAQUET, FORMER CHEF-DE-CABINET TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SECRETARY-GENERAL SAYED MAREI, RETURNED TO ROME OVER WEEK-END TO PERFORM SAME FUNCTION FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL HOHN HANNAH, AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON JANUARY 27 TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO CONCERNING PLANNING ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.

2. DR. HANNAH WILL ARRIVE IN ROME MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, FROM CAIRO, WHERE HE IS VISITING MAREI, WHO VIDAL-HAQUET SAYS WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND JANUARY 10 MEETING BETWEEN UN SYG WALDHEIM AND FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA BECAUSE OF PNEUMONIA. HANNAH WILL BE SET UP IN ROOM IN FAO BUILDING "A" FORMERLY USED BY MAREI.

3. VIDAL-HAQUET SHOWED U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONFIDENCE COPY OF LETTER HE IS TRANSMITTING FROM BOERMA TO WALDHEIM ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT. FAR FROM RESPONDING TO U.S.

URGING TO ABANDON CONTROVERSY ABOUT SECRETARIAT, (REFTELS A AND B) BOERMA IS CONTINUING TO PRESENT HIS ARGUMENTS FOR FAO CONTROL STRONGLY TO WALDHEIM, AND EVEN SUGGESTS THAT HEAD OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL BE CALLED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

4. VIDAL-NAQUET IS ARRANGING FURTHER MEETING IN NEW YORK BETWEEN FAO AND UN SECRETARIAT TO DISCUSS WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT PROBLEM, AND MEETING FEBRUARY 24 UNDER ECOSOC AUSPICES TO DISCUSS TIME AND AGENDA OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL'S FIRST SESSION (SEE REF C).

5. HAVING LEARNED FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HERE CRITICIZED APPOINTMENT OF AMERICAN TO SECRETARY-GENERAL POST (REF B), VIDAL-NAQUET IS GOING TO SPEAK WITH THEM AND TELL THEM OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF APPOINTMENT, WHICH HE SAYS IS FOR FOUR MONTHS ONLY. HE IS OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO CREATE GOOD ENVIRONMENT FOR HANNAH'S WORK HERE. VOLPE

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